

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PARISH OF ORLEANS

GORDON NOVEL

# DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILE

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The State of Louisiana } SS. PARISH OF ORLEANS  
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

JOHN P. VOLZ, Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, who in the name and by the authority of the said State, prosecutes, in this behalf, in proper person comes into the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, in the Parish of Orleans, and gives the said Court here to understand and be informed that one \_\_\_\_\_

GORDON NOVEL,

between the tenth day of June, 1966, and the late of the Parish of Orleans, on the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six with force and arms in the Parish of Orleans aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, committed a theft of property of the value of One Thousand, Seventy-Four Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$1,974.83) in the lawful money of the United States of America, belonging to ALBERT BELLEVUE,

#198-471

contrary to the form of the Statute of the State of Louisiana in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the same.

John P. Volz  
Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans



Novel

1st Burglary

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
PARISH OF JEFFERSON  
Report of Burglary Offenses

Item No. 3-306/66 District No. East  
Date of Report 3/3/66  
Time Reported 5:25 a Date Reported 3/3/66  
Affidavit No. \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, Sir: I respectfully report the following:

- SAFE (Residence) \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ THEFT FROM INTERIOR OF AUTO \_\_\_\_\_  
SAFE (Non-Residence) \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ THEFT FROM INTERIOR OF AUTO \_\_\_\_\_  
RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_  
NON-RESIDENCE YY NIGHT XX DAY \_\_\_\_\_  
1. Victim's Name Richard Crump Race M Sex M Age 22 Bus. Phone 833-5508  
2. Address 3230 Elm (Apt. D.) Iowa St. City State La. Res. Phone none  
3. Property of Tel-Tek Electronic Co. Inc. Bus. Phone 833-5505  
4. Address 2700 Steamers Tower East City Dallas State Tex Res. Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Time of Occurrence AM 6:30PM Day of Week Wednesday Date 3/2/66  
6. Place of Occurrence 2303 Veterans Hwy. Not La.  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ If Hotel, Room No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming House, Room No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Apt House, Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ If Store, business conducted \_\_\_\_\_  
If building, Room No. and business \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicate entrance and exit From store door entrance & exit.  
7. Was anyone on premises when entered No Weapons used No  
8. If on street, between what two streets \_\_\_\_\_  
9. If a safe burglary, was safe forced open No Attempt made to open \_\_\_\_\_  
Safe not forced open \_\_\_\_\_ Safe hauled away \_\_\_\_\_ Number of perpetrators engaged \_\_\_\_\_  
10. Description of vehicle used unknown  
11. State here any reason for believing complaint unfounded None

12. Type and value of property stolen and recovered.

	Stolen	Recovered
Currency and Negotiables	\$ _____	\$ _____
Jewelry and Precious Metals	\$ _____	\$ _____
Furs	\$ _____	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	\$ _____
Miscellaneous (Include Costume Jewelry)	\$ <u>1150.00</u>	\$ <u>None</u>
TOTAL VALUE	\$ <u>1150.00</u>	\$ <u>None</u>

13. ITEMIZED list and value of stolen property. (Serial No., Brand, Etc.)  
(If recovered, end description with three X's)

Two Records-O-Tone, Color white, Ser.# 1034216, ---1035016, Weight 24lbs each  
Total Val. \$1150.00



Unknown at this time.

Dep. P. Inborne wishes to report receiving a signal 62, at 9:26 a.m. on March 3, 1966, at 2303 Veterans Hwy. Mt. La.

7 The B of I was was not called nor the Doct. Bureau, due to the reasons every-  
thing in the office had been touched.

Not Cleared XX Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Cleared by arrest \_\_\_\_\_ Offender killed \_\_\_\_\_ Confession \_\_\_\_\_  
Suicide \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Unfounded \_\_\_\_\_ No property recovered XXX No loss  
of property \_\_\_\_\_ Partly cleared by recovery of property \_\_\_\_\_ All \_\_\_\_\_ Part \_\_\_\_\_ Recovered by  
officers \_\_\_\_\_ By owner \_\_\_\_\_ By others \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of investigating officers: Dep. F. Inborne

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Signature of Desk Sergeant of \_\_\_\_\_ (man typing)

Approved:

Commanding Officer



2nd Burglary

JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
DETECTIVE BUREAU DAILY FORM

WATCH	DATE	ITEM NUMBER	TIME
FROM: . . . TO: . . .	7-13-66	7-13-66	
NAME OF COMPLAINANT: Tel-Tex Electric Co., Inc			
ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT: 2327 Voto Hwy., Metairie, La			
TYPE OF OFFENSE:		INVEST. OFFICERS:	
LOCATION OF OFFENSE:			
ARRESTED OR WANTED SUBJECT:			
CHARGE OR REASON FOR ARREST:			
LOCATION OF ARREST:			
REMARKS:			

At 11:00 AM, above date, a check of the B of J, and NOPD B of I, on aspect Gordon Novel, W/M 28, 124 Lake Ave, Metairie. Said record reflects that Novel was arrested on 6-12-69, in Baton Rouge, La. B of I #47615 and Los Angeles 1., for a traffic violation, B of I LA 389305-A, NO B of I number 95 060. Investigation shows that Novel associates with person(s) unknown at the Tech-sec't, 515 South Carrollton Ave., New Orleans.

A check of this institution and interview with a Mr William Bringer revealed that Novel was known at the establishment because they were making sound recording bugging anti-device for Novel who was supposed to be trading market this item. They were doing it mostly as a favor for him because they know him. They didn't know what type of business he was in but they were under the impression that he had his own firm relative to this type investigative equipment, and that in the event Novel contacted their office they would appraise him of the fact that the undersigned officer was contact him. They also stated that Novel had no phone or address that they knew of but he would call in occasionally.

At 3:30 PM, 7-13-66 Novel phoned Det Behrens, stating that he understood wanted to talk to him, but that if it was a civil matter concerning his wife, he would want his attorney to be present. This was answered in the negative and an appointment to meet the officers was forthcoming.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
EST. OFFICERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ BY COMMANDER \_\_\_\_\_

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2nd Burglary

JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
DETECTIVE BUREAU DAILY FORM

FROM: 8 WATCH TO: 4 DATE: 7-8-66 ITEM NUMBER: 7-1-46-66 TIME: 10:05 AM

NAME OF COMPLAINANT:

Richard Crumpp W/H/53-----

ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT:

1st-1st-Electronics Co. 2713 Witchwood Drive, Metairie, La.

TYPE OF OFFENSE:

RS14 62 2

INVEST. OFFICERS:

Detective S. Schrems

LOCATION OF OFFENSE:

Room # 202-2317 Veterans Hwy, Westgate plaza shopping center.

ARRESTED OR WANTED SUBJECT:

CHARGE OR REASON FOR ARREST:

LOCATION OF ARREST:

REMARKS: These officers received call from radio room at 10:05 AM this date to proceed to the Westgate Plaza Shopping center, room 202, 2317 Veterans Hwy to investigate an alleged burglary.

Upon arrival we met Mr. Crumpp, manager of above place, and he stated to us as follows:

That approx. 8 PM, 7/7/66 he left his place at the same time with his secretary, Miss Dianne Eldredge W/F/19, 3813 Narine Rd., Metairie, La. Upon closing his office he left two Record-O-Fone's, valued at \$575.00 each in his office as usual. That he locked his office and left the main entrance because other people were still in the bldg. and most of these other tenants remain till all hours of the night. That on a previous occasion, 3/3/66-Item #306-66, someone had broken into his other office located at 323 Iowa St., Metairie, La. and had stolen two Record-O-Fone's serial numbers 1034216 and 1035016. The serial numbers of the recently stolen machines are listed 1/9 94581g & 11957ch. According to Mr. Crumpp a man only identified as Mr. Gordon Noel, goodlooking, 5'8", 145, W/M/27 supposed to be involved in Electronics and also passed himself off as some type of private detective specializing in bugging equipment and has been bothering him about purchasing two or three of these machines. Has visited his previous office in Metairie prior to the breakin there and has also visited his present office on many occasions. Mr. Crumpp strongly suspects this man in that he has never purchased any of the machines from him. It is further apparent that the person(s) who stole these machines must have had some knowledge of the functions of these machines, based on the following facts:

1-It takes a trained specialist to move this machine from one office to another or in other words it would take some knowledge of install it.

2- The thief knew the machine was useless without the remote switch which he had with him.

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED:

INVEST. OFFICERS SIGNATURE

BY COMMANDER

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which was taken separately along with the machines.

3. That this was the only office broken into in the bldg., even though more valuable equipment was stored in adjacent offices maintained by other agencies to include very expensive vacuum, typewriters, adding machines, etc.

Mr. Grampa further stated that Mr. Noyel supposed to work at Tech Associates of New Orleans, 511 South Carrollton Ave., N.O., La. --- 866-6339.

Mr. Myrel Penton, 1021 Jefferson Davis Hwy., N.O., La. who occupies the adjacent office across the hallway from the foregoing victimized Co. was interviewed and stated:

He worked in his office, room 203 until approx. 10:30 PM 7/7/66 and that when he left he was sure other people were still inside the office bldg. because he could hear noise down the hall, like people were talking in the vicinity of the vacuum cleaner sales co. but couldn't be sure. When he left the bldg. he failed to lock the foyer door because he believed that some other tenants were still in the bldg. working. That at approx. 9:30 PM 7/7/66 the janitors were in the building and cleaned the office, however when he departed he wasn't sure if they were still in the bldg. or not.

The following men are employed by his office having access to the bldg.:

Allie Mahank left with Penton evening of July 7, 1966

Herman Kaplan

Harry Lavender

Ed. Sweeney

Rigsby Hall

Clifford Deshtreumx, has only other key to the foyer except, Penton.

Robert Pace.

This Co. is described as Yellow page service for the telephone co.

An interview with Mr. Pillion mgr. of the bldg. revealed the following: That janitors departed the bldg. at approx. 9:30 PM 7/7/66 which was substantiated by witnesses. That Mr. Penton was undoubtedly the last person to leave the bldg. and fail to secure the outer foyer door.

An examination of the scene disclosed that bldg. to be constructed of brick. The foyer door was left open, that a key was used to secure the foyer door or to open it. That a person locked inside the bldg. could not get out if the foyer door was locked by key. The office of the Tel-Fax Co. door was constructed of wood panel. That the perpetrators applied sharp instrument between the paneling of the door staling and the door thus trapping the pin tumbler bolt in lock to open. Part of the stud paneling was busted by this instrument.

Case still under investigation.

Dets. DeMoux & Behrens

Lt. Jacob



March 30, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: WILLIAM GURVICH, SPECIAL AID

SUBJECT: RANCIER BLAISE EHLINGER - Interview with on  
March 30, 1967, 2:35 PM

On this date, RANCIER BLAISE EHLINGER, white male, date of birth August 8, 1938, residing at 103 Homestead Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, phone number 835-0959, was interviewed by JAMES ALCOCK and WILLIAM GURVICH in the office of the District Attorney.

EHLINGER stated that he had been interviewed by JIM GARRISON about four or five weeks ago relative to an incident in Houma, Louisiana, relative to the burglary of explosives in that area. ALCOCK and I interviewed EHLINGER again about this and other matters.

He stated that he has known GORDON NOVEL for approximately twelve years and attended high school with him in Metairie, Louisiana. EHLINGER stated that between March and September 1961, he, GORDON NOVEL, DAVID FERRIE, SERGIO ARCACHA-SMITH, MRS. GORDON (MARLENE) NOVEL traveled to Houma, Louisiana, in NOVEL's 1956 Lincoln automobile for the purpose of carrying out a prearranged plot to burglarize bunkers on the Houma Airport for the purpose of obtaining explosives and munitions. Two others who were members of this plot followed them in a van truck and participated in the burglary. One of the occupants of the truck was LAYTON MARTENS, the other subject is unidentified.

According to EHLINGER it was GORDON NOVEL who originated this plot. NOVEL and EHLINGER had been on this airport before for the purpose of attending drag strip races. It was at that time that NOVEL noticed the bunkers and returned to New Orleans and discussed this with SERGIO ARCACHA-SMITH and DAVID FERRIE. These discussions took place at FERRIE's residence in Metairie and ARCACHA's residence in the Gentilly section of New Orleans. EHLINGER stated that he and NOVEL had operated a drag strip in HAMMOND, Louisiana.

EHLINGER stated that he did not know who owned the truck, which appeared to be old and of a dark color. The only tool used to force entry into the bunker was described by EHLINGER as a bolt cutter, which to his knowledge was in the truck. EHLINGER does not know for sure who actually entered the bunker but states that all persons mentioned by him were present and participated in one way or another. The unidentified subject in the truck wore a marine-type fatigue uniform, spoke of guerrilla training, had dark, curly hair and was over six feet in height. Taken in this burglary by these individuals, according to EHLINGER, were artillery simulators, 30 cal. machine gun tracer bullets, signal foares (chute-type) and other unidentified explosives. The entire burglary took approximately fifteen minutes and all persons involved returned in the vehicles to New Orleans, arriving

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there about midnight. They had departed New Orleans at approximately 7:00 P.M. for Houma. The explosives were taken directly to the residence of DAVID FERRIE on Atherton Drive in Metairie and stored in his garage. LAYTEN MARTENS and DAVID FERRIE and possibly one or two others unloaded these stolen explosives from the van truck and carried them to the storage place. Shortly after this, EHLINGER recalls, GORDON NOVEL, MRS. GORDON NOVEL and EHLINGER went to the 17th Street Canal in the Metairie area and exploded an artillery simulator under water, which, according to EHLINGER, created a ten-foot fire ball, and the explosion shook the levy on which they were standing and caused the water to rise considerably. EHLINGER stated that NOVEL later told him that some of these explosives had ultimately reached Havanah, Cuba. NOVEL had also stated that he was to be paid money for this by SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH from proceeds that would be raised from a television telethon ostensibly in the interest of Cuban refugees. ARCACHA never paid NOVEL and EHLINGER received no reward either, although he did expect some money from NOVEL.

EHLINGER stated that he slept quite a bit on the return trip from Houma and does not know for certain how far back the truck was, nor if any explosives were thrown from this truck and ignited along the highway during the return trip.

EHLINGER was shown ten black and white photographs from which he selected one of CLAY SHAW, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, LAYTEN MARTENS and DAVID FERRIE. He said that he had never met CLAY SHAW but knew who he was and knew that he was a friend of GORDON NOVEL. He identified the photograph of SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH as being one of the persons on the Houma trip. The photograph of LAYTEN MARTENS was identified as another of the persons on this trip. He identified DAVID FERRIE as being on the trip and as the one who lived on Atherton Drive in Metairie where the explosives were eventually stored.

EHLINGER also stated that in 1965 GORDON NOVEL had met with CLAY SHAW to discuss concession rates in the trade mart. At that time, SHAW was general manager. NOVEL knew little of the food or restaurant business and consulted a friend of his, JOE RICCABONA, for advice. Legal papers for this enterprise involving SHAW, NOVEL, RICCABONA and one other unidentified person were drawn up by DEAN ANDREWS.

I asked EHLINGER if he could recall an incident in June 1959 in which one REX MAGEE of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, accused them of stealing his Chevrolet Corvet valued at \$5,000.00. This vehicle was, some parts missing, was recovered in a garage rented by GORDON NOVEL and used by both NOVEL and EHLINGER. At the time of recovery, NOVEL and EHLINGER were in the process of painting the motor. The transmission had also been removed from this vehicle. EHLINGER admits having painted the body of the Corvet from which both the motor and the transmission had been removed. EHLINGER added that the purpose of removing the motor and transmission was to sell them. They were mugged, fingerprinted and booked in Baton Rouge but were not held. Three other individuals Vincent BONNAMO, now deceased, DAVE DI VICENTI, and JULIUS MARTIN, were later arrested and charged with the actual auto theft. According to EHLINGER, DI VICENTI was sent to the State Penitentiary following his conviction for this crime. Although official records of the Baton Rouge Police Department and the Louisiana State Police show that NOVEL and EHLINGER admitted knowing that this vehicle was stolen at the time they took it

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into their custody, and having admitted they intended to sell the motor and transmission, neither were prosecuted.

On March 3, 1967, Superintendent M.F. MELANCON of the Houma Police Department personally delivered to the undersigned their complaint report #27460, dated August 22, 1961, relative to the burglary of the bunkers on the Houma Airport.

EHLINGER came into this office voluntarily and stated that he would be willing to give testimony in this matter.

  
WILLIAM GURVICH



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The State of Louisiana } SS. PARISH OF ORLEANS  
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, who in  
JOHN P. VOLZ,  
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Three Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$1,356.32)  
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against the peace and dignity of the same.

John P. Volz  
Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans

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M E M O R A N D U M

March 27, 1967

TO: LOUIS IVON, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR  
FROM: C. J. NAVARRE, INVESTIGATOR  
RE: INTERVIEW - AL CROUCH, NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT,  
SATURN AIRWAYS

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Officer Navarre received an assignment on March 27, 1967 at 11:30 A.M., relative to interviewing one AL CROUCH relative to DAVE FERRIE and LEE HARVEY OSWALD residing together.

On March 27, 1967, at 1:15 P.M., Officer Navarre met with Mr. AL CROUCH, Director of Saturn Airways, New Orleans Airport, in his office. Mr. CROUCH stated that he first met DAVE FERRIE in 1965 when Mr. FERRIE was employed by Com-Air. Mr. CROUCH stated he did not know of LEE HARVEY OSWALD until after the assassination and then he could not remember ever meeting him. In reference to FERRIE and OSWALD living together, this is a rumor that he heard and doesn't remember where he heard it. This rumor also carried the tale that FERRIE and OSWALD were seen together at the airport.

Mr. CROUCH stated that DAVE FERRIE was employed by him as a flight instructor between September 13, 1966 and November 20, 1966, at which time Mr. FERRIE was fired. Mr. CROUCH related that he has a dislike for Mr. FERRIE because when he was fired, 16 students followed Mr. FERRIE, and this caused Mr. CROUCH to return all the instruction monies.

Mr. CROUCH stated that GORDON NOVEL hired him to fly him (NOVEL) around Mississippi and Alabama to observe various racetracks in 1965. This flight included Mobile and Hattiesburg and approximately 3 racetracks. Also Mr. NOVEL received a preliminary flight instruction and he failed to qualify. Mr. CROUCH stated that he is yet to be paid for these services by Mr. NOVEL.

CLINCY NAVARRE, INVESTIGATOR

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*Novel File.*

M E M O R A N D U M

March 31, 1967

TO: CHARLES R. WARD, CHIEF ASSISTANT D. A.  
FROM: MR. VIC CARONA - TELEPHONE 729-6548  
RE: INFORMATION ON GORDON NOVEL

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There is a commercial artist in the Godchaux Building, one ALBERT BELLEAUE, telephone 522-7493, who has done some work for GORDON NOVEL.

In the conversation with the artist, try and find out the name and telephone number of the printer who did work for NOVEL and also the name and telephone number of the public relations firm who handled his public relations work. These three people are supposed to have worked together, the artist, printer and public relations man. The electronic device that NOVEL was supposed to have was some outfit to detect whether or not a room was bugged. This device was to be sold to embassies or whoever might be interested in it, but that was his big thing. BELLEAUE will have all the information and should give all information required.

Anything further you want to know, you can contact me at the above telephone number.

VIC CARONA

vc/leb



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ARREST REPORT  
Department of Police  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Case Number 21, 217

1. NOVEL 2. GORDON DWANE  
Surname First Name Middle Name Aliases, Monikers, Etc.

Residence 121 LAKE AVE. APT. C Metairie, La. Zone  
Color white Sex male Age 21 Nativity AMERICAN  
Occupation student Marital Status single Religion Transient?  
Day of Week SUNDAY Month JUNE Day of Mo. 12th Year 1959 Time 7:00 P.  
Place of Arrest BATON ROUGE CITY PLAZA STATION Zone 5A  
Drunk Drinking Narcotic Phy. Hdcp. Mental Hdcp. Normal X  
In View Warrant X Summons Notice For O.A.  
No. of Previous Arrests

	Initial Charge(s)	No.	Official Charge(s)	No.
Felony	AUTO THEFT		AUTO THEFT	
Misdemeanor				
Observation, WOL, Fugitive from Justice, etc.				
Disposition:				

Bonded ( ) Paroled ( ) Released ( ) Authority Date Time  
Court Arraignment Date  
Trial Date  
C.C. Aff. No.

Use of this form is confined to only those persons officially charged with a crime, and shall contain only those particulars pertinent to the actual arrest.)

"See arrest record of Rader D. Ehlinger for details."

Arresting Officers LT. FONT - SGT. THOMAS  
Approved CHIEF LIOZA  
(Commanding Officer) Code Date 6-12-59



I.C. / 21305	<b>ARREST REPORT</b> Department of Police Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Case Number 21, 217
I.D. Number _____		
		1. JUNIOR
		2.
Surname <u>MARTIN</u>	First Name <u>JULIUS</u>	Middle Name <u>PAUL</u> Aliases, Monikers, Etc. _____
Residence <u>1412 Louisa St. New Orleans, La.</u>	Zone _____	
Color <u>white</u>	Sex <u>male</u>	Age <u>20</u> Nativity <u>U.S.A</u>
Occupation <u>painter</u>	Marital Status <u>single</u>	Religion <u>Catholic</u> Transient? _____
Day of Week <u>Friday</u>	Month <u>June</u>	Day of Mo. <u>26th</u> Year <u>1959</u> Time <u>11:00 A</u>
Place of Arrest <u>BATON ROUGE CITY POLICE STATION</u>	Zone <u>5A</u>	
Drunk _____	Drinking _____	Narcotic _____ Phy. Edcp. _____ Mental Edcp. _____ Normal <u>X</u>
On View _____	Warrant <u>X</u>	Summons _____ Notice _____ For O.A. _____
No. of Previous Arrests _____		

		Initial Charge(s)	No.	Official Charge(s)	No.
Felony	X	INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO AUTO THEFT		AUTO THEFT	
Misdemeanor			2 140000		
Observation, AWOL, Fugitive from Justice, etc. <u>Disposition:</u>					

Bonded ( ) Paroled ( ) Released ( ) Authority \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Court \_\_\_\_\_ Arraignment Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Trial Date \_\_\_\_\_  
C.C. Aff. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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At approximately 11:00 A.M., 6-26-59, Agent J. A. Robertson of the N. A. Theft Bureau came into Police Headquarters with subject, Julius Paul Martin from New Orleans, La. This being the subject wanted for the theft of a 1958 chevrolet Cornette. (See Auto Theft report and Auto Theft recovery report) Upon questioning subject, Julius Paul Martin at the Police Station he orally admitted coming to Baton Rouge on Friday night 6-12-58. He and a white known as "Sal" and they were driven here by a white male only known as "Gordon"; their purpose of coming to Baton Rouge was for stealing the Corvette and taking it back to New Orleans, La. to be changed about and the motor to be used for hot rod purposes, however

Arresting Officers <u>DETS. VALENTINE DET. B. WILSON-SGT. C. HOLMES</u>	Code _____	CON'T.
Approved _____	Date <u>6-26-59</u>	

(Commanding Officer)



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Martin stated when getting to New Orleans, La. the following day 6-13-58, the motor was removed and Martin sold the motor. ~~There~~ An attempt is being made at this time to locate the motor. Subject, Julius Paul Martin admitted orally to Det. Valentine, Det. B. Wilson and Agent Robertson and Lt. Font about his stealing the Corvette and taking it to New Orleans, La. however he would not give a signed statement.

*2016 E. Beauregard, Chalmette*  
Subject, Julius Paul Martin was fingerprinted, mugged and transferred to the Parish Jail. Agent Robertson is continuing the follow-up on the case and this case open for any further investigation.



21225		ARREST REPORT Department of Police Baton Rouge, Louisiana		Case Number 21, 217																															
.D. Number																																			
Surname EHLINGER		First Name RANCIER		Middle Name BLAISE																															
Residence 103 Hammond Ave. Metairie, La.		Zone		Aliases, Monikers, Etc.																															
Color white		Sex male		Age 23																															
Occupation auto mechanic		Marital Status single		Religion																															
Day of Week Friday		Month June		Day of Mo. 1201																															
Place of Arrest BATON ROUGE CITY POLICE STATION		Zone 5A		Time 7:00 PM																															
Drunk		Drinking		Narcotic																															
Phy. Hdcp.		Mental Hdcp.		Normal X																															
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This case open for further investigation.

Subjects requested not to give a written statement.



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Case Number 21, 217Date of Report 6-17-59SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
Department of Police  
Baton Rouge Louisiana

1. Date of Preliminary Investigation 6-17-59
2. Complainant, if not "Person Reporting" REX MAGEE
3. Address of Complainant 2919 Perkins Road Phone No.(s) DI: 4-5088

4. (Additional details and/or progress of investigation, including follow-up information, additional description of stolen property, description of property recovered, names and addresses of additional witnesses, suspects, leads, recommendations, conclusions, etc.)

On 6-16-59, Dets. received information from Capt. Berthelot of La. State Police that Lt. Salatha of the New Orleans Police Auto Theft Dept. was holding one, Julius Martin (M1) age 20 for the theft of the 1958 chevrolet corvette stolen from this city on 6-17-58. Dets. got a Warrant out on this subject and notified the State Police who in turn notified the New Orleans Police Dept. The subject, Julius Martin is to be returned to this department 6-18-59 by La. State Police where he will be arrested for the theft of the car as he has admitted he was the one who took the auto.

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Type	Description	Ser.No.(s)	Value
a. Currency, Notes, Etc.			
b. Jewelry & Precious Metals			
c. Furs			
d. Clothing			
e. Miscellaneous			

5. After Investigation, Complaint and/or Charge changed to \_\_\_\_\_
6. Investigating Officer(s) SGT. THOMPSON #193 - DET. WILSON #131 Code \_\_\_\_\_
7. Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-17-59  
(Commanding Officer)



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Case Number #21, 217

Date of Report 6-18-59

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
Department of Police  
Baton Rouge Louisiana

1. Date of Preliminary Investigation 6-17-59
2. Complainant, if not "Person Reporting" REX M. MAGEE
3. Address of Complainant 221 East Blv'd. Phone No.(s) DL: 4-1318
4. (Additional details and/or progress of investigation, including follow-up information, additional description of stolen property, description of property recovered, names and addresses of additional witnesses, suspects, leads, recommendations, conclusions, etc.)

Following up on case # 21, 217, Mr. J. Robertson of the National Auto Theft Bureau came to this office and reported that he and Lt. Salathe of the New Orleans Police Dept. Auto Theft Bureau had picked up several subjects and questioned them and learned that Ehlinger and Novel did not steal the auto in question but two other white males did namely a white male named Julius Paul Martin (NM) age 20 of 1412 Louisa Street, New Orleans, La. and another white male named "Sal" last name unknown. Agent Robertson stated he had questioned Julius (Junior) Martin and Martin admitted the taking of the Corvette along with "Sal" on the night of 6-17-59, as he and Sal were in Baton Rouge for the purpose of looking around and stealing a Corvette and at about this time they saw the complainant pass in the Corvette and they followed him to his house and waited for approximately 15 minutes and they pushed the Corvette away from in front of his house and then got it started and took it to New Orleans, La. and to the garage of Novel and Ehlinger. Lt. Font and Agent Robertson went to the District Attorney's Office and had the charges against Novel and Ehlinger dropped and a Warrant placed against Julius (Junior) Martin.

Agent Robertson is to bring the accused to this department and on a later date, This subject to be charged at that time.

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5. After Investigation, Complaint and/or Charge changed to AUTO THEFT
6. Investigating Officer(s) LT. FONT AND SGT. THOMPSON Code 8
7. Approved (Commanding Officer) LT. FONT Date 6-18-59



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Case Number 21,217Date of Report 6-12-59SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
Department of Police  
Baton Rouge Louisiana

1. Date of Preliminary Investigation 6-17-59
2. Complainant, if not "Person Reporting" Rex Magee
3. Address of Complainant 2919 Perkins Road Phone No.(s) DI: 4-5088

4. (Additional details and/or progress of investigation, including follow-up information, additional description of stolen property, description of property recovered, names and addresses of additional witnesses, suspects, leads, recommendations, conclusions, etc.)

On or about 1:30 PM, Detectived received a call from Capt. Berthelot, La. State Police who stated that the car in Case No. 21,217 had been recovered in New Orleans, La. and New Orleans Police Dept. was holding two white male suspects who admitted to theft of the car.

Officers contacted the complainant, Mr. Rex Magee and he signed an affidavit aganst the two subjects Gordon Novell white male, 21 and Rancier Ehlinger, white male, 20, of Metairie.

All the reports in the case were sent to District Attorney's Office.

Capt. Berthelot also stated thjat he would send a teletype to New Orleans, La., Police Department and notify them thata warrant has been issued and Capt. Berthelot stated that a State Police unit will transfer the two subjects back for this dept.

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7. Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-12-59  
(Commanding Officer)



Detectives called Lt. Salathe of New Orleans Police Department Auto Theft Division and he notified officers that the two subjects had a garage rented at 2917 College Cts. in New Orleans and that the garage was rented in Novel's name and that Novel had paid the rent on the garage. Lt. Salatha also stated that Novel and Ehlinger had taken the motor out of the car and were in the process of painting it. Lt. Salathe stated that he is in the process of investigating them for being involved in stealing and stripping cars in New Orleans, La. but that he did not have enough evidence to hold them there.

Case turned over to Lt. Font for further investigation.



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Case Number

Date of Report 6-17-58

AUTOMOBILE THEFT REPORT  
Department of Police  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Name of Owner Rex M. Magee Color white Sex male Age 28  
Name of Complainant Same Color - Sex - Age -  
Owner's Address 221 East Boyd Home Ph.No. DI 41318 Bus. Ph.No. DI 45088  
Complainant's Address same Home Ph.No. - Bus. Ph.No. -  
Place of Occurrence 221 East Boyd 0510 Zone 8  
Day of Week Tuesday Month June Day of Month 17 Year 1958 Time 2:00 to 5:00AM  
Make of Vehicle Chevrolet License Number La 58 80-411 Motor Number J58S105086  
Body Style Corvette Year Model 1958 Color green / white  
Value \$ \$5,000.00 Insured by Surety Insurance  
Other Identifying Characteristics Convertible sports car, radio and heater, white side wall tires.

Details of Offense: This auto was stolen from in front of above address between 2:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. this date. Auto had a suit case, brief case and a polaroid camera in the trunk and a billfold with personal papers. Also in car was \$150.00 in a money clip, along with sun glasses in the glove compartment. Subject also wanted for investigation relative to safe burglary.

State here any Reason for Believing Complaint False noneIs the Identity of the Criminal Known or Suspected? no  
(If Answer is "Yes", File Wanted Person Report, Attach.)Number of Persons Arrested none Will Complainant Prosecute? yes  
Was Victim Sober? yesKeys Left in Ignition: Yes - No x Doors Locked: Yes x No -Radiogram Item Number -Investigating Officer(s) F. DickhamCode 5Approved W. H. Dooch

(Commanding Officer)

Date 6-17-58



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6-13-59  
Date of Report

Case Number

AUTO RECOVERY REPORT  
Department of Police  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Name of Owner Rex M. Magee Color White Sex Male Age 28  
Name of Complainant Same Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Address 221 East Boyd Home Ph.No. \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Ph.No. DI-4-5089  
Complainant's Address Same Home Ph.No. \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Ph.No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Vehicle Chevrolet License No. La 58, 80-411 Motor No. J58 S105086  
Body Style Corvette Year Model 1958 Color White over Green  
Condition Fair

Recovered by: Name New Orleans Police Dept. Address New Orleans, Louisiana  
Location 2917 College Courts Zone \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of Week Friday Month June Day of Month 12 Year 1959 Time Noon

Vehicle Stored @ State Police Garage in New Orleans, La. Authority State Police  
Owner Notified by Baton Rouge Police Department Date 6-12-59 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle Returned to Owner by La. State Police Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: Detectives recieved notification from State Police that the car was recovered in New Orleans, La. See arrest record with same case number.

State here any Reason for Believing Complaint False None

Is the Identity of the Criminal Known or Suspected? Yes in Jail  
(If Answer is "Yes", File Wanted Person Report, Attach.)

Number of Persons Arrested Two

Radiogram Item Number 985 Cancelled: Yes XX No. \_\_\_\_\_

Investigating Officer(s) Sgt. Thompson 193 & Det. Wilson 131 Code \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Commanding Officer)



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OPR. DAY **RADIOGRAM** DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

ITEM NO.	FILED	DATE	ORIG.
MSG. # <u>1276</u>	STA. <u>KKC-590</u>	TIME <u>1250</u>	DATE <u>6-13-59</u>
MSG. # <u>5519</u>	STA. <u>KKC-323</u>	TIME <u>1815</u>	DATE <u>6-13-59</u>

TO PD BATON ROUGE, LA.

REFER ITEM 819 OF 1958.

VEHICLE RECOVERED BY LSP N.O. 6-12-59 ABANDONED METAIRIE, LA.  
MTR. AND TRANSMISSION MISSING, STORED AT LEZINA'S GARAGE ADD.  
525-LA BARRE ROAD, JEFFERSON PARISH.

AUTH. LSP N.O.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE  
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION  
BATON ROUGE



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The following is the record of State Police No. ....

F. B. I. No.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Baton Rouge La	Gordon Duane Novel #47615	6-12-59	Auto-theft	Pending
✓ PD Baton Rouge La	Gordon D. Novel #21234	6-12-59	Auto Theft	
PD New Orleans La	Gordon Novel #95860	6-12-59	Fug. from Baton Rouge La Hold FBI	
May be same as subject arrested by SPol, New Orleans, La., on 8-27-53 for juvenile delinquent. May be same as subject arrested by SPol, New Orleans, La., on 5-1-56 for speeding 85 mph in posted 45 mph zone. May be same as subject arrested by SPol, New Orleans, La., on 12-24-56 for speeding 75 mph in posted 40 mi. zone. May be same as subject arrested by SPol, New Orleans, La., on 1-25-58 for R.O.M.V.				

For completion of our records, please supply disposition to this Department in any of the foregoing cases where it does not appear.  
\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.



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PD New Orleans La	Julius Martin #H of C 1739	5-7-58	reck dr	30 das
PD Baton Rouge La Air Man	Julian Paul Martin #21305	6-26-59	auto T	
SO Baton Rouge La	Julius Paul Martin #47722	6-26-59	auto T	

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
D New Orleans La	Rancier Blaise Ehlinger #95861	6-12-59	fug Baton Rouge La Hold Fed Auth	Returned
Baton Rouge La	Rancier Blaise Ehlinger #47616	6-12-59	Auto-theft	
D Baton Rouge La Airmail	Rancier B. Ehlinger #21225	6-12-59	auto theft	

REVISED RECORD  
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March 30, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: WILLIAM GURVICH, SPECIAL AID

SUBJECT: RANCIER BLAISE EHLINGER - Interview with on  
March 30, 1967, 2:35 PM

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